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INFORMATION SYSTEMS COMMISSION

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Raoul J. Freeman,
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Tom Ross
Alfred S. Samulon
Arnold Steinberg

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
of
May 5, 2008
Room 372, Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration

Members Present	**Members Not Present**
Dr. Raoul Freeman, Chair	T. Austin Bordeaux
William Chen	Arnold Steinberg
Ying Tung Chen	
Jonathan Fuhrman	
Marilyn Katherman	
Tom Ross	
Alfred Samulon	

Others Present
Henry Balta, Department of Chief Information Office
David Hamamoto, Department of Chief Information Office
Kimberly Katsuyama, EDS (Electronic Data Systems)
Peter Loo, Department of Chief Information Office
Gregory Melendez, Department of Chief Information Office
Robert Pittman, Department of Chief Information Office
Richard Sanchez, Interim Chief Information Officer
Michael Sylvester, Department of Public Social Services

Staff
Janice A. Davis, Commission Services Staff

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Freeman called the meeting to order at 3:31 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM MARCH 3, 2008

On motion of Commissioner Fuhrman and seconded by Commissioner Samulon, and unanimously carried, the minutes of March 3, 2008 were approved with no changes.

Commissioner Chen joined the meeting at 3:35 p.m.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

- Mr. Dean Logan, Acting Registrar-Recorder will be the guest speaker at the September 8, 2008, Information Systems Commission Meeting. Commissioner Fuhrman was appointed as a "Committee of One" to meet with Mr. Logan to discuss the Commissions concerns prior to the September meeting.

- Mr. Sanchez was asked by Chairman Freeman to provide the Commission with data on a possible "E-government Investment Bank" for the County of Los Angeles including the rates of return on approximately 10 projects that would create an ongoing "cashable" revenue stream and to show how such gains could be a lucrative investment for the County.

PROGRESS ON CHIEF INFORMAITON OFFICER (CIO) AND CHIEF INFORMATION SECURITY OFFICER (CISO) SEARCH

Mr. Richard Sanchez, Interim CIO, reported the following:

- The filling of the CIO position has been put on hold until the Director for the Department of Health Services is decided.

- An executive search firm will be appointed to work on a national search for the new CIO.

- The exam period for the CISO is closed. There are four (4) possible candidates. One candidate works internally, the other three are from outside agencies.

- Commissioner Jonathan Fuhrman suggested that Commissioner Samulon be on the "Interview Panel" for the CISO interviews. Commissioner Samulon agreed.

- David Chittenden has temporarily been assigned to the position of General Manager of Information Technology Services (ITS) within the Internal Services Department (ISD).

ORGANIZATIONAL PLACEMENT OF IT SERVICES

Commissioner Fuhrman stated that the new County governance structure does not give authority to the CIO for the planning, sharing and programming of future IT systems. In the private sector the CIO has Policy, Vision and Implementation setting responsibilities and this strengthens their role.

Commissioner Ross felt that the Office of the CIO should widen its communication channels to all Departments to facilitate operations.

Mr. Sanchez reported that the Technology Systems Advisory Board (TSAB) meets on a monthly basis with technicians and first-line managers.

Commissioner Samulon suggested that the CIO should have input on the Department Head's Performance Evaluations Appraisals.

Commissioner Fuhrman proposed the CIO meet with Deputy CEO's, Department CIOs, and Department Heads on a quarterly basis and discuss IT issues, i.e., sharing critical data between Departments.

ITS was made part of ISD when all Departments reported to the Board. However, there is now a CEO and six Deputy CEO's. ISD reports to one of the six Deputy CEO's. Chairman Freeman raised the question of where IT Services should be placed in the governing structure; either under ISD or under the CIO or if they should be a separate Department reporting to a Deputy CEO? Each Commissioner gave their opinion:

- Commissioner Ross stated that a dramatic change in IT structure should result in dramatic results, and if that doesn't happen, it's not worth the change in structure.

- Commissioner Samulon saw no problems with the current system that necessitated a change in the current structure. He did not think it is a good idea for ISD to report to CIO.

- Commissioner Chen stated that because 40% of ISD's operation volume is IT, it warrants ITS becoming its own separate Department.

- Commissioner Katherman stated that technology has become so progressive that IT needs to be separate from other ISD functions.

A show vote on the question was held and a majority of the Commissioners voted in favor of ITS becoming an independent Department.

MATTERS NOT ON THE POSTED AGENDA (TO BE BRIEFLY DISCUSSED AND PLACED ON A FUTURE AGENDA)

- Security Audit Project and USC Budget

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PUBLIC COMMENT / ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were none.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, with a motion made by Commissioner Ross and seconded by Commissioner Fuhrman, the meeting was adjourned at 4:49 p.m.